



**City of Medina, Washington
PROCLAMATION**

NATIONAL SAFE BOATING AND PADDLING WEEK

- WHEREAS,** The City of Medina is bounded by 2.5 miles of Lake Washington shoreline; and
- WHEREAS,** Many Medina residents of all ages engage in recreational boating and paddling; and
- WHEREAS,** With the surge of Americans engaging in paddling activities since 2020, many without any training, paddling fatalities now constitute more than 25% of all boating fatalities nation-wide; and
- WHEREAS,** The vast majority of serious boating and paddling accidents are caused by lack of training, human error or poor judgment; and
- WHEREAS,** A significant number of boaters who lose their lives by drowning each year would be alive today had they worn their life jackets,
- WHEREAS,** The mission of the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary Division 2 is to promote and improve recreational boating safety by teaching boating safety courses and conducting vessel safety checks;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jessica Rossman, Mayor of City of Medina, Washington, and on behalf of the City Council, do hereby proclaim the week of May 18-24, 2024, as

MEDINA SAFE BOATING and PADDLING WEEK

And encourage all of Medina's residents to dedicate themselves to learning about and practicing safe boating, including wearing life jackets.

Mayor Jessica Rossman